

WHAT WERE
YOU DOING IN THE
DEMON REALM?



WE WERE...

ZZZT

...PREPARING
FOR WAR.





Solo Leveling

Art - DUBU (REDICE STUDIO)

Original Novel - Chugong

Story - h-goon

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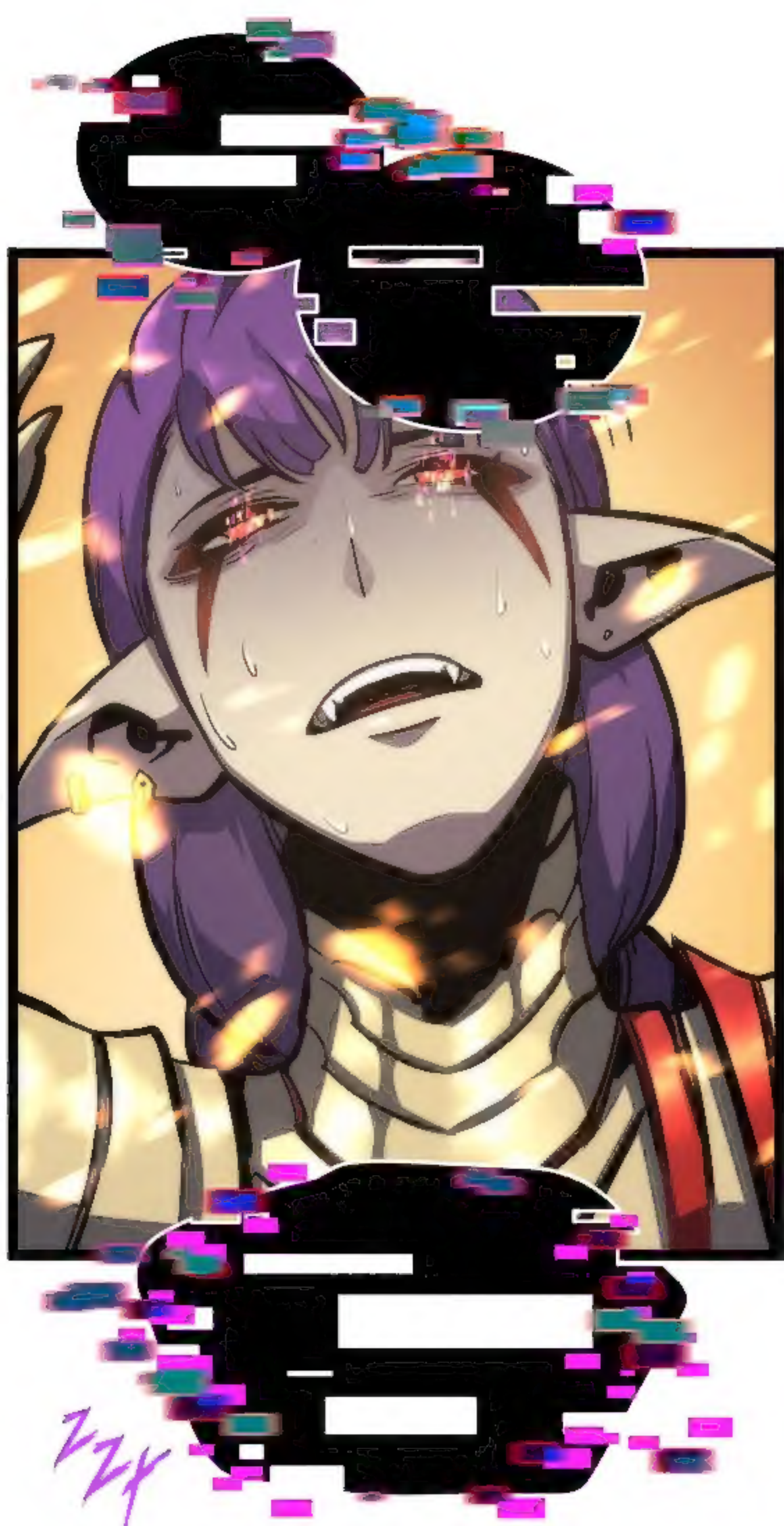
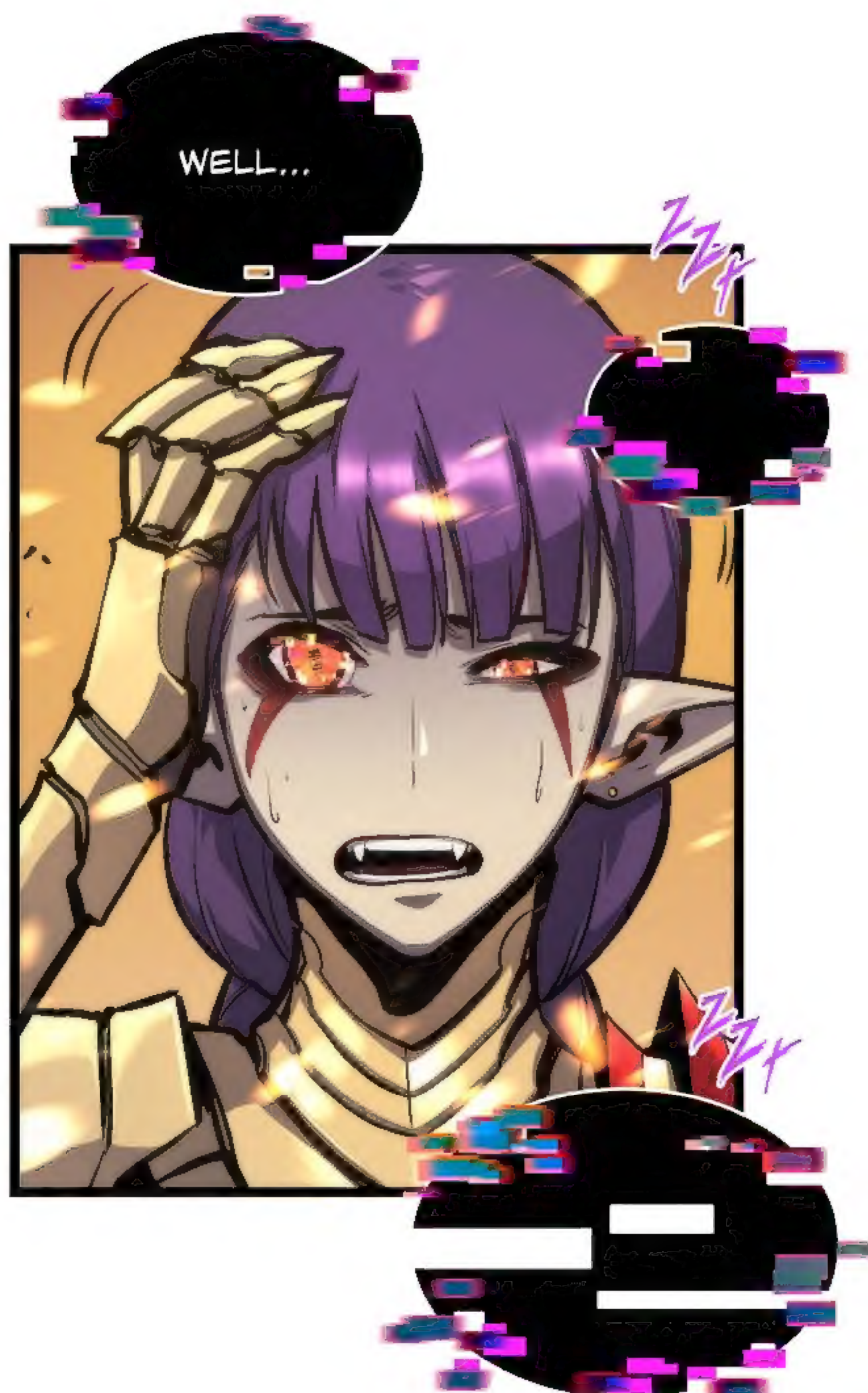
IT'S
HAPPENING AGAIN.
THE SAME PATTERN
OF EVENTS OCCURRED
BACK WHEN I ASKED
BARUKA QUESTIONS,
TOO.

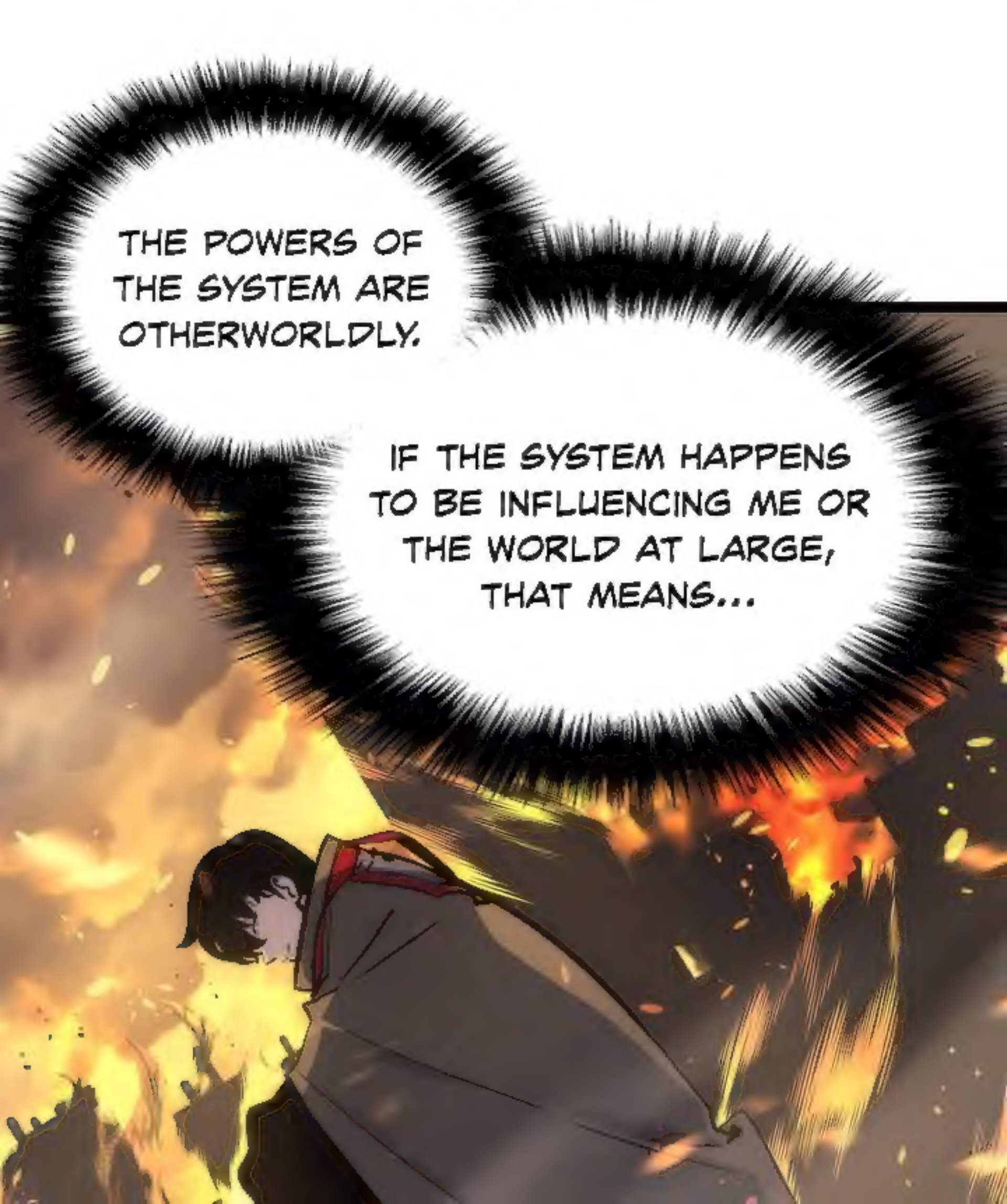
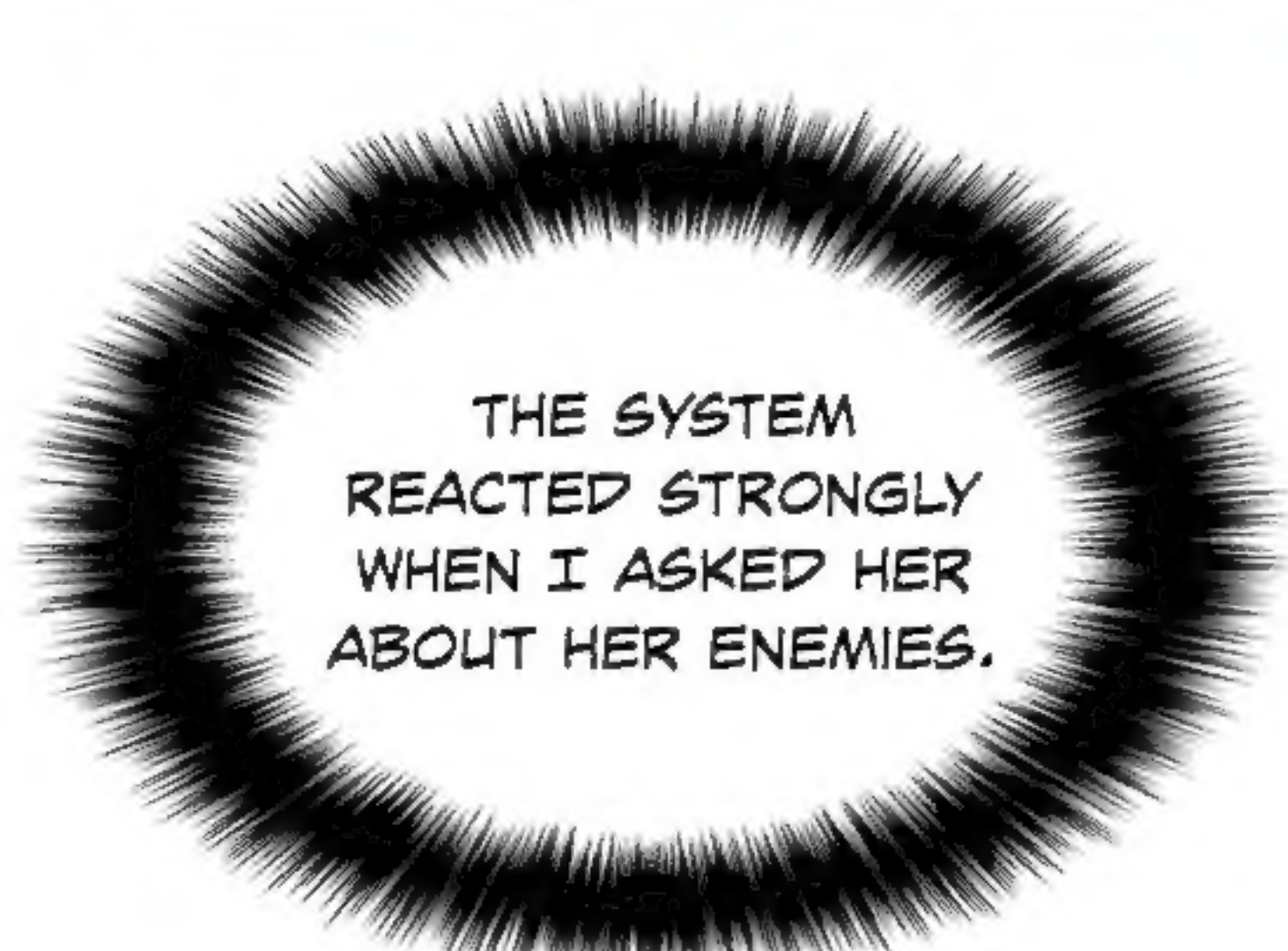
THE SYSTEM IS
TERMINATING THE
CONVERSATION BY
FORCE.

THIS
PROBABLY MEANS
MY CONVERSATION
WITH HER HAD SOME
KIND OF CLUE.

LEVELING UP,
INSTANCE DUNGEONS,
QUESTS, MISSIONS,
REWARDS, PENALTIES,
AND JOB CHANGES.

ALL OF THESE THINGS
HAVE CREATED A GAMELIKE
ENVIRONMENT. SO IT WOULDN'T







THE ENEMIES
THAT THE
DEMONS WERE
BATTLING...

COULD THEY
HOLD THE ANSWER
TO ALL THIS?



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A MAGIC BEAST!!

CLANG

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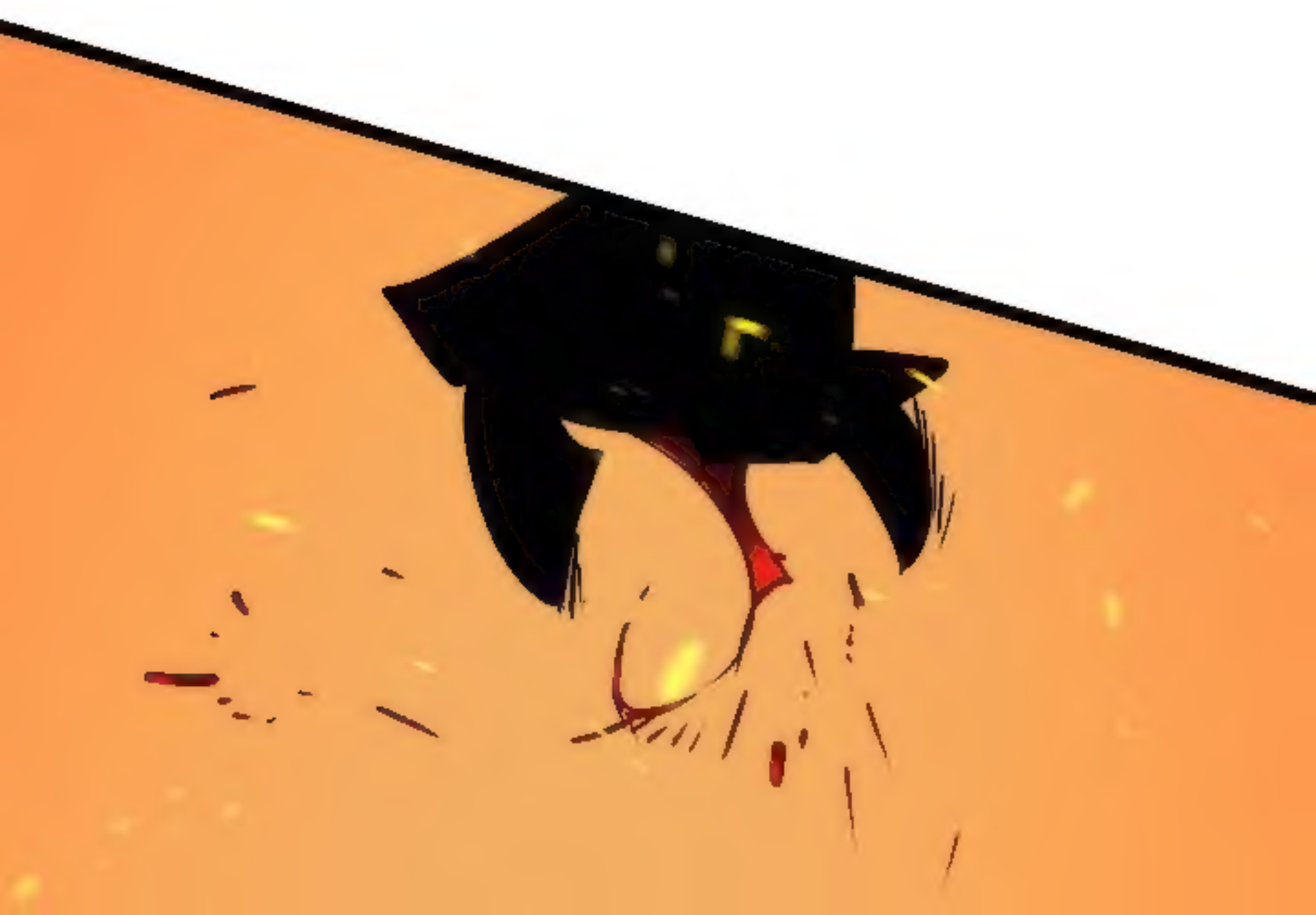
SWISH

QUICK, BARRAGE IT WITH ATTACKS!

CLANG

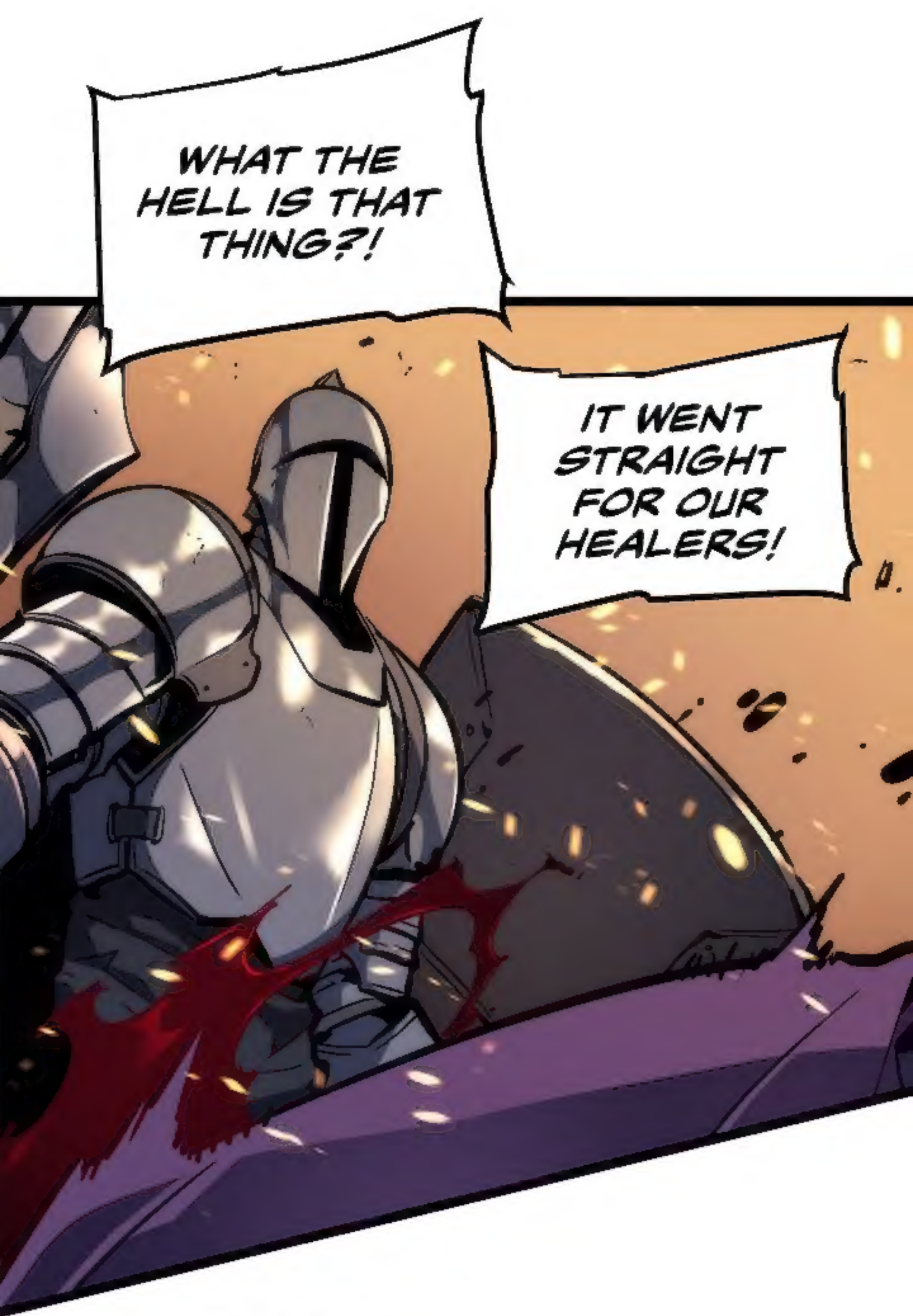


THAT IS NO ORDINARY BEAST...!





SLICE



WHAT THE HELL IS THAT THING?!

IT WENT STRAIGHT FOR OUR HEALERS!

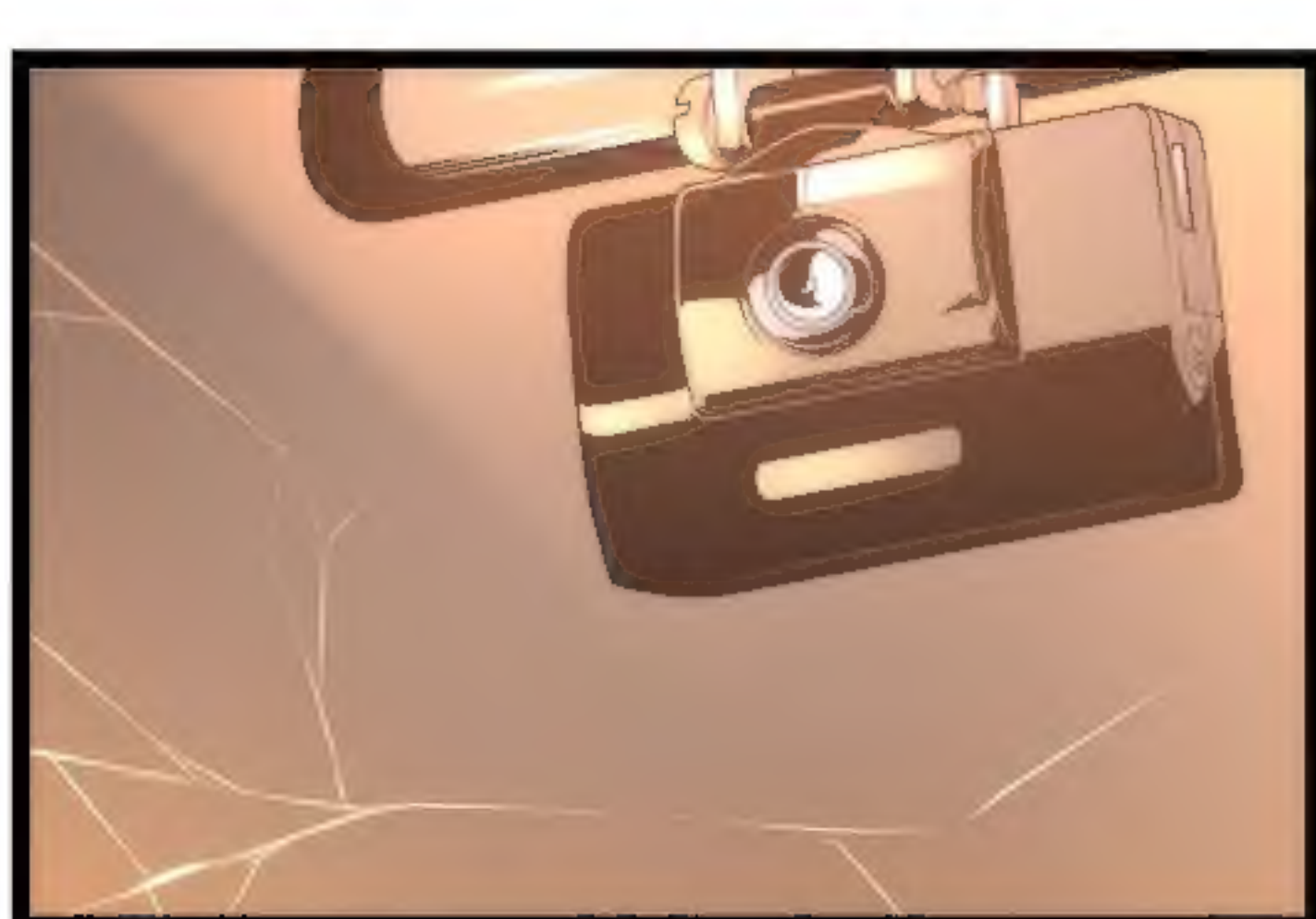
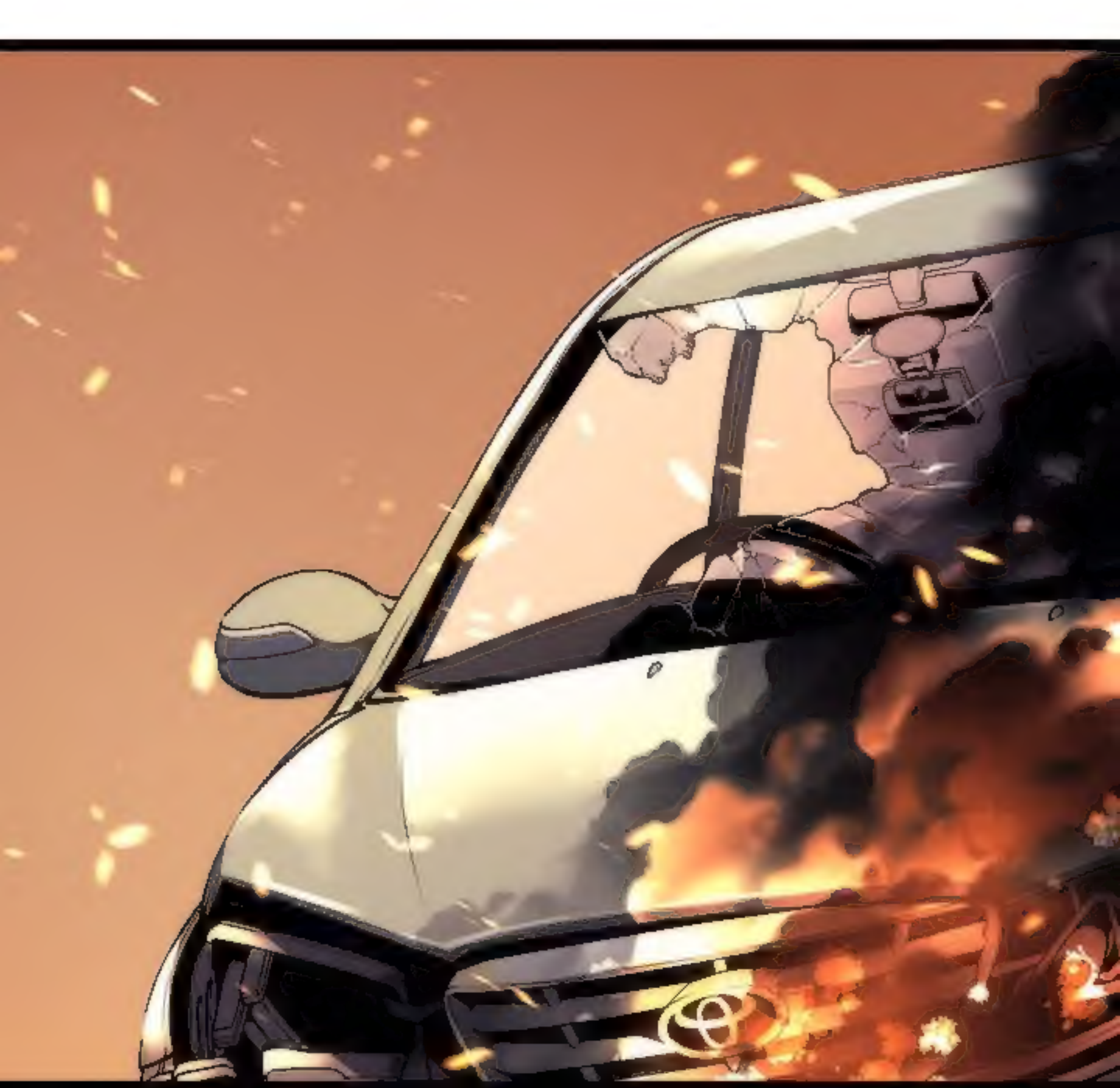


OUR WEAKEST E-RANK HUNTERS WERE ATTACKED FIRST.

AFTER DECREASING OUR NUMBERS, IT GOT RID OF OUR HEALERS IN ORDER TO WEAKEN OUR FORCES!

IT KNOWS THAT IT'LL BE PUT AT A DISADVANTAGE THE LONGER THIS BATTLE DRAGS OUT!

IS IT
A BEAST WITH...
INTELLIGENCE?!



THIS BLACK BOX

RECORDING IS THE
ONLY FOOTAGE OF
THE ANT WE
HAVE.



THE MUTANT
ANT THAT APPEARED
RECENTLY WAS
DEFEATED IN A
SINGLE DAY.

IT WAS
FIRST DISCOVERED ON
A SMALL ISLAND NEXT TO
THE REGION WHERE IT WAS
EXTERMINATED. WE GATHER
IT MUST'VE TRAVERSED
HERE AFTER COMPLETING
ITS HUNT ON THE
ISLAND.



THANKS TO
THE HUNTERS WHO
RESPONDED TO OUR
EMERGENCY CALL,
THE THREAT WAS
SUCCESSFULLY
ELIMINATED.

FOUR E-RANKS, ONE D-RANK HEALER, AND ONE C-RANK LEADER DIED ON THE BATTLEFIELD.

AN A-RANK HUNTER WHO JOINED MIDWAY WAS THE DETERMINING FACTOR IN THE SUCCESSFUL EXTERMINATION OF THE ANT.

LONG STORY SHORT, YOU'RE SAYING THAT IT'S GOING TO TAKE AT LEAST ONE A-RANK HUNTER TO TAKE DOWN A SINGLE MUTANT ANT.

THERE HAVE BEEN 294 CIVILIAN CASUALTIES DUE TO THIS MUTANT ANT.

A TOTAL OF 108 HUNTERS WERE DISPATCHED.

WHILE THAT MIGHT SEEM LIKE AN EXCESSIVE NUMBER, SINCE THE MUTANT ANT HAD THE ABILITY TO SENSE DANGER AND FLY AWAY, THE JAPANESE HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION BELIEVES THAT THEIR RESPONSE WAS REASONABLE.

OUT OF ALL THE COUNTRIES IN ASIA, JAPAN HAS ONE OF THE MOST WELL-ORGANIZED SYSTEMS SET UP FOR THEIR NETWORK OF HUNTERS.

THAT SAID, IF JAPAN SUFFERED THIS MANY CASUALTIES, WHO KNOWS WHAT WOULD THE HUNTERS

WHAT MIGHT'VE HAPPENED
IF THE ANTS HAD FLOWN
OVER TO MAINLAND
KOREA...

MURMUR

WHISPER

MURMUR

MUCH LIKE JAPAN,
OUR COUNTRY HAS
MANY ISLANDS
AS WELL,

BUT WE
AREN'T CAPABLE OF
MONITORING EACH
AND EVERY ONE
OF THEM...

AN ISLAND 150
KILOMETERS AWAY
FROM JEJU WAS
ATTACKED.

THE FACT
THAT THE ANT
FLEW THAT FAR
MEANS...

THEY'RE CAPABLE OF
FLYING NOT JUST TO THE
COASTAL PROVINCES,
BUT ALL THE WAY TO THE
CITY OF MOKPO AS
WELL.

IF THEY WERE TO CHANGE COURSE, THEY WOULD EVEN BE ABLE TO REACH THE NORTHERN REGIONS OF JINDO AND WANDO COUNTY!

ANTS THAT CAN FLY, EH? THEY'RE MORE LIKE BEES THAN ANTS.

SOUTH KOREA CAN'T SEND HUNTERS TO EVERY SINGLE ISLAND LIKE JAPAN DID. WE LACK THE MANPOWER.

EVEN IF WE DEPLOY A COUPLE OF LOW-RANKING HUNTERS, THEY'LL JUST BECOME ANT FOOD!

WHO WOULD COME TO THE AID OF SOUTH KOREA IN THIS SITUATION?

CHINA, OR MAYBE RUSSIA? THEY HAVE A MULTITUDE OF HUNTERS AVAILABLE, BUT BY THE SAME TOKEN, THEY ALSO HAVE A VAST AMOUNT OF LAND TO PROTECT.

WHAT ABOUT THE UNITED STATES, THEN? NO, THEY REFUSED TO COME TO OUR AID BACK WHEN THE FIRST S-RANK GATE OPENED...

I HAVE A
HEADACHE...

MR. GO.

HOW MAY
I HELP YOU,
MR. WOO?

I DIDN'T MENTION
THIS DURING THE
MEETING,

BUT WE'VE
BEEN SECRETLY
CONTACTED BY
SOMEONE.

SECRETLY?
BY WHOM?

BY MR. HWANG
DONGSOO OF THE
SCAVENGER
GUILD.



HE NOTIFIED US THAT
HE'LL BE PARTAKING IN
THE UPCOMING JEJU
ISLAND RAID.



HIS
INTENTIONS ARE
QUITE CLEAR.

INDEED, SIR. HIS
TARGET IS SUNG
JINWOO.



SO HOW
DID YOU DEAL
WITH HIM?

I'VE PUT IN A REQUEST
TO DENY HIS ENTRY INTO

TO DENY HIS ENTRY INTO
SOUTH KOREA USING THE
CONFLICT WITH MR. BAEK
YOONHO DURING THE RED
GATE INCIDENT AS
AN EXCUSE.

HOWEVER,
MR. HWANG IS NOT
THE ONLY HUNTER WHO
CONTACTED US.



THERE'S
SOMEONE
ELSE?

THE CALL WAS
FROM A **NATIONAL
LEVEL HUNTER.**

LET
ME INTRODUCE
HIM TO YOU, SIR.
PLEASE COME
WITH ME.



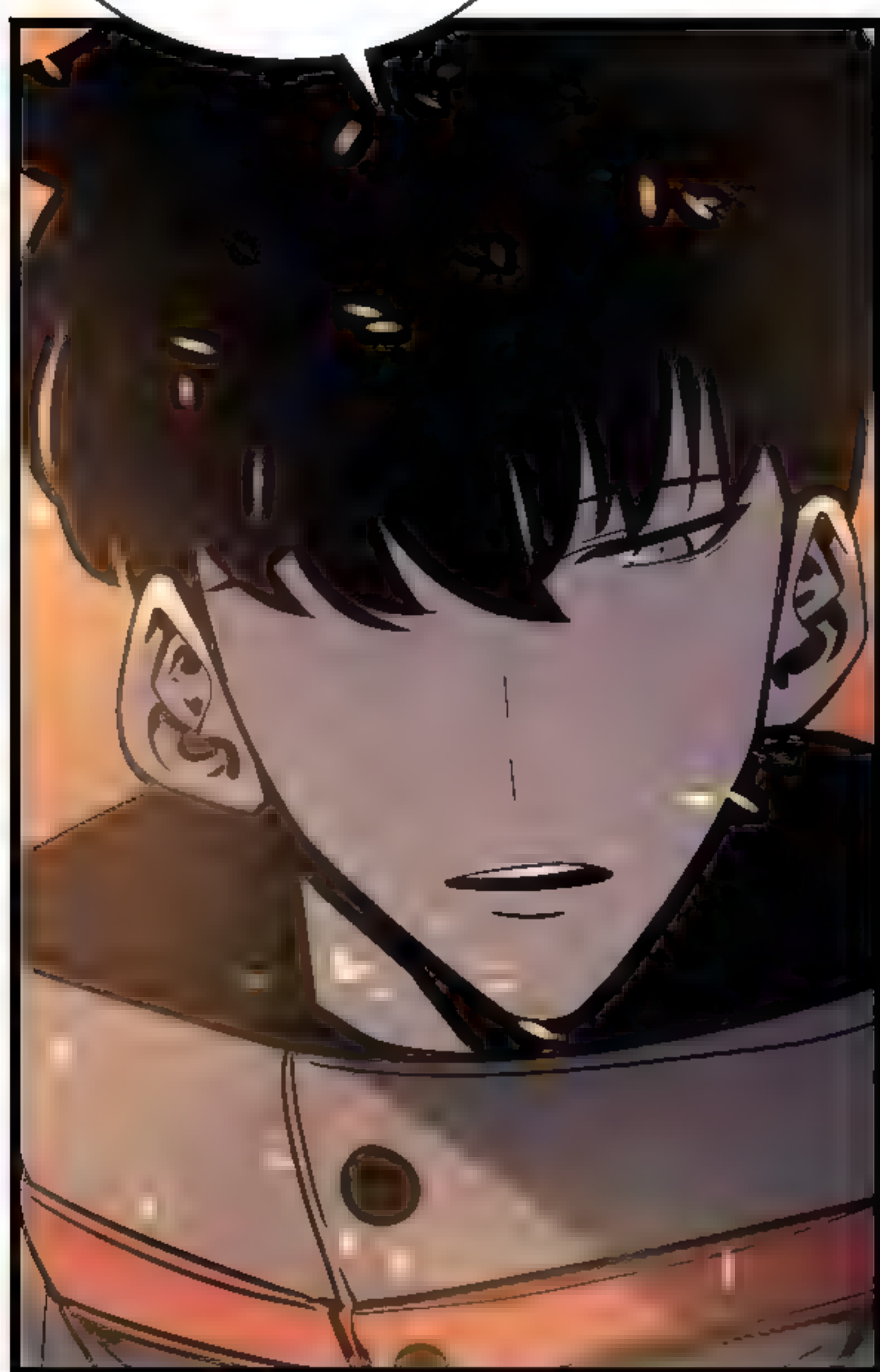


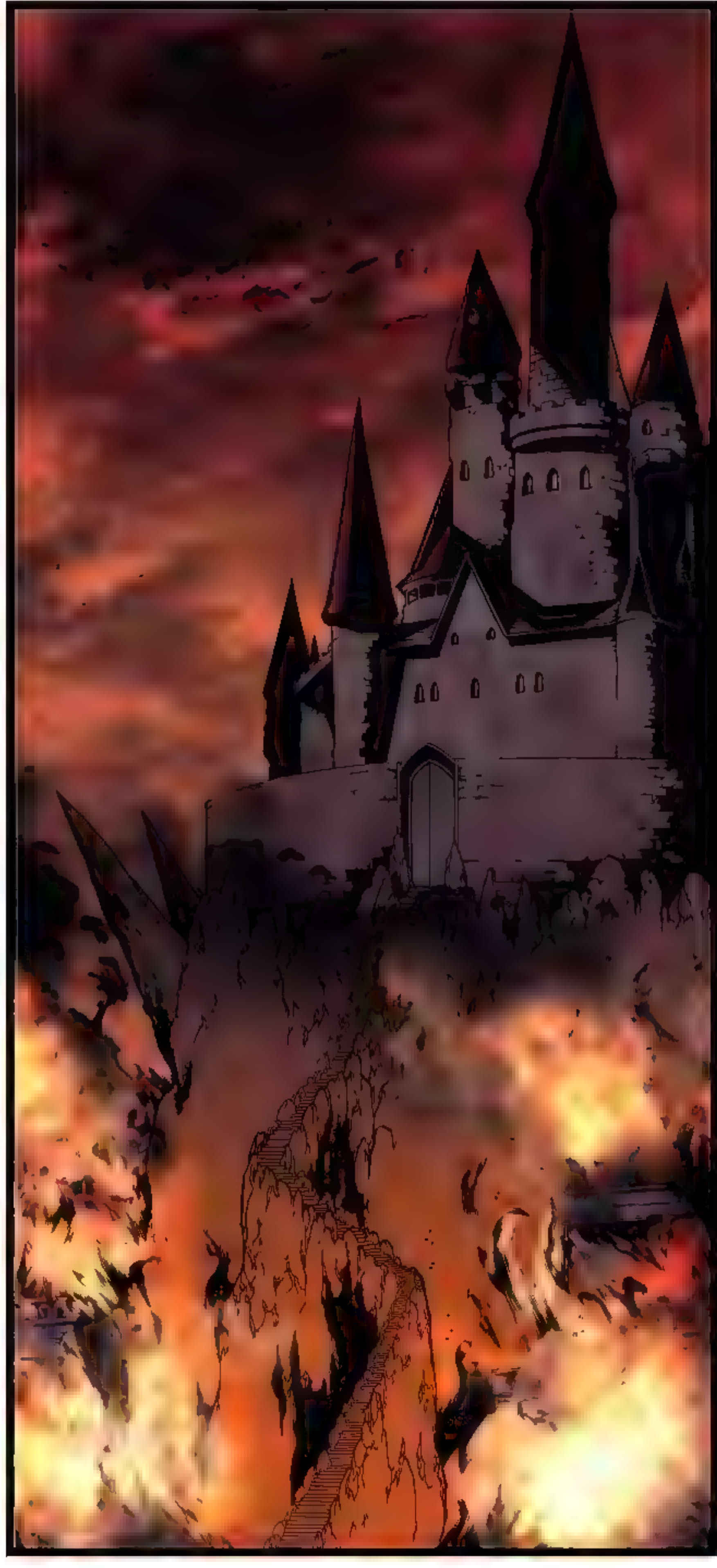






HOW LONG WILL
IT TAKE TO GET
TO WHERE THE
ENTRY PERMIT
IS?





FATHER.



I'VE
BROUGHT
SOMEONE
WITH ME.

IS THIS
THE THRONE
ROOM?

IF I HAD
FOUGHT MY WAY
HERE, THIS IS WHERE
I WOULD'VE HAD THE
BATTLE AGAINST
THE BOSS.

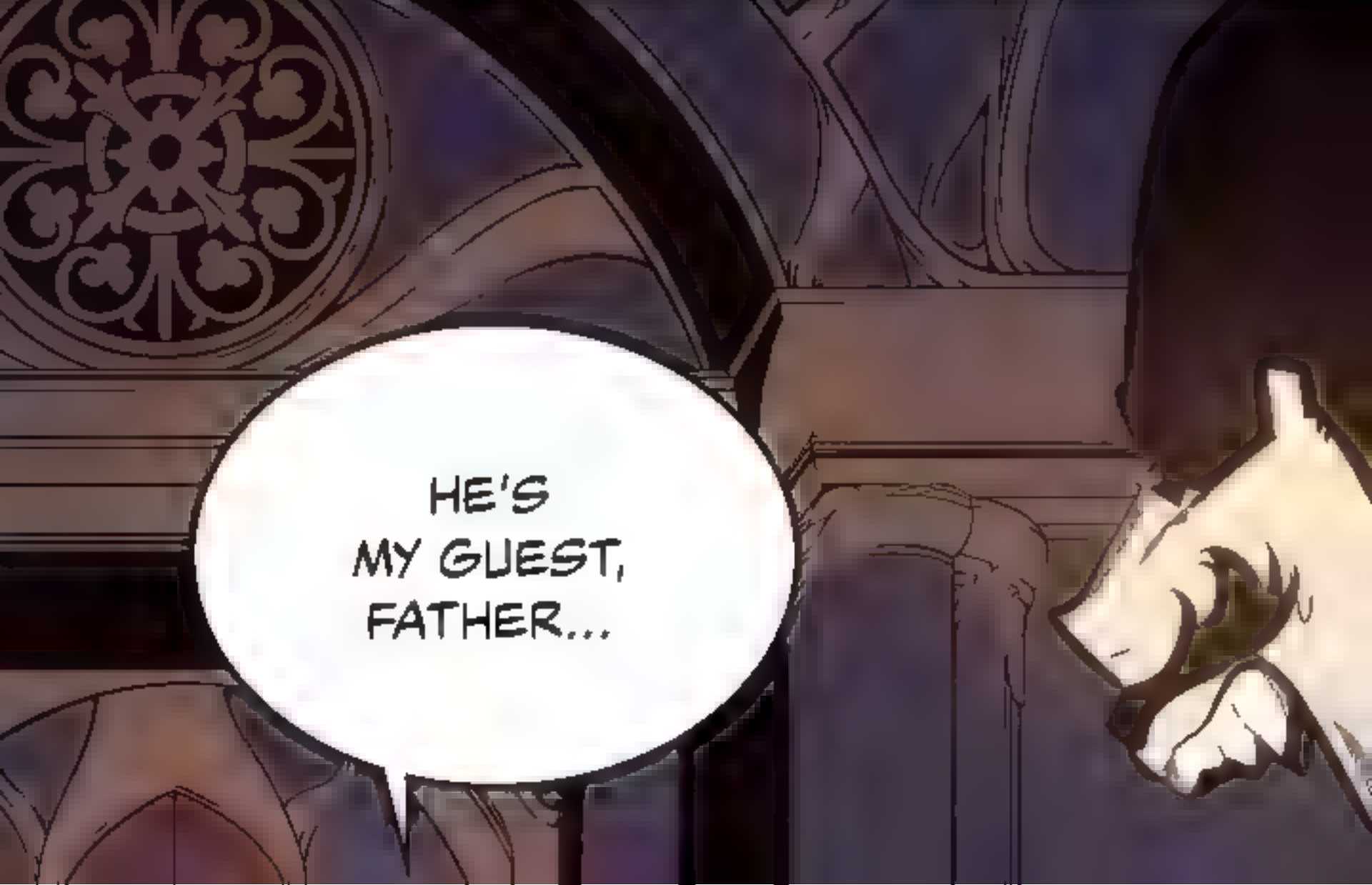


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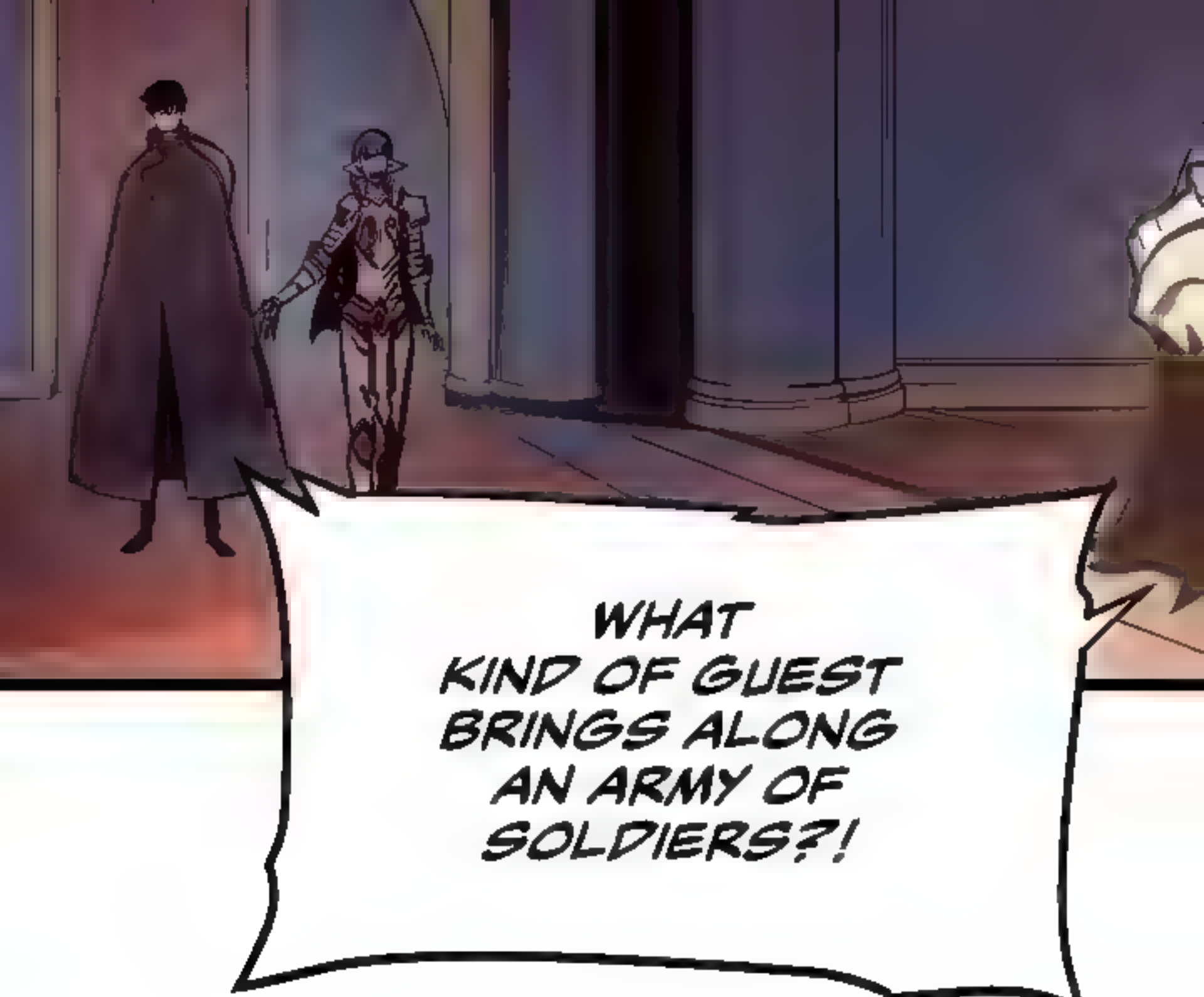
WHA...
WHAT...!



WHAT HAVE YOU
DONE?! WHO IS
THAT MAN NEXT
TO YOU?



HE'S
MY GUEST,
FATHER...



ARE YOU
INCAPABLE OF
SEEING THEM,
ESIL?

THERE IS A THRONG
OF SOLDIERS HIDING
BEHIND THAT MAN IN
THE DARKNESS!!

I GUESS
HE'S GOT SHARP
SENSES.



HOW
DARE YOU BRING
SOLDIERS INTO
MY HOME!!

FATHER!

DA

DUN

I PROMISED
ESIL...

...THAT I'D LEAVE
THIS PLACE IF
SHE HANDS ME THE
ENTRY PERMIT.

GUILD



IS HE THE ONE THAT'S
BEEN KILLING OFF DEMONS
AT AN INSANE SPEED AND
CLEARING THE FLOORS
OF THIS CASTLE?



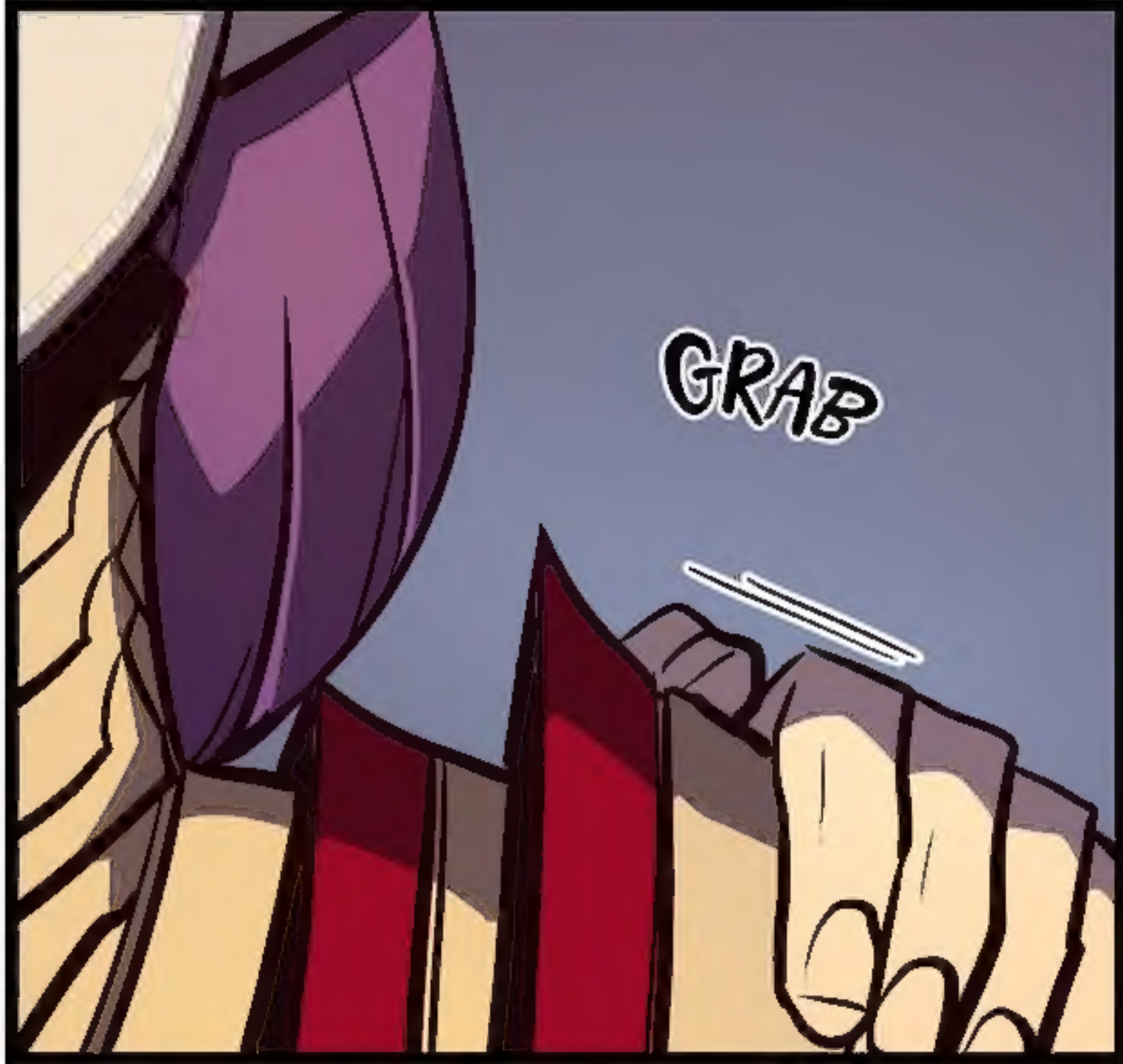
ALTHOUGH WE ARE
NOBLES, THE RADIRU
CLAN SITS LOW ON THE
PECKING ORDER AT 20TH
PLACE, MAKING US ONE
OF THE WEAKEST
CLANS.

HE
WAS ABLE TO DEFEAT
VULCAN AND METUS, SO
THERE'S NO WAY WE
STAND A CHANCE....!

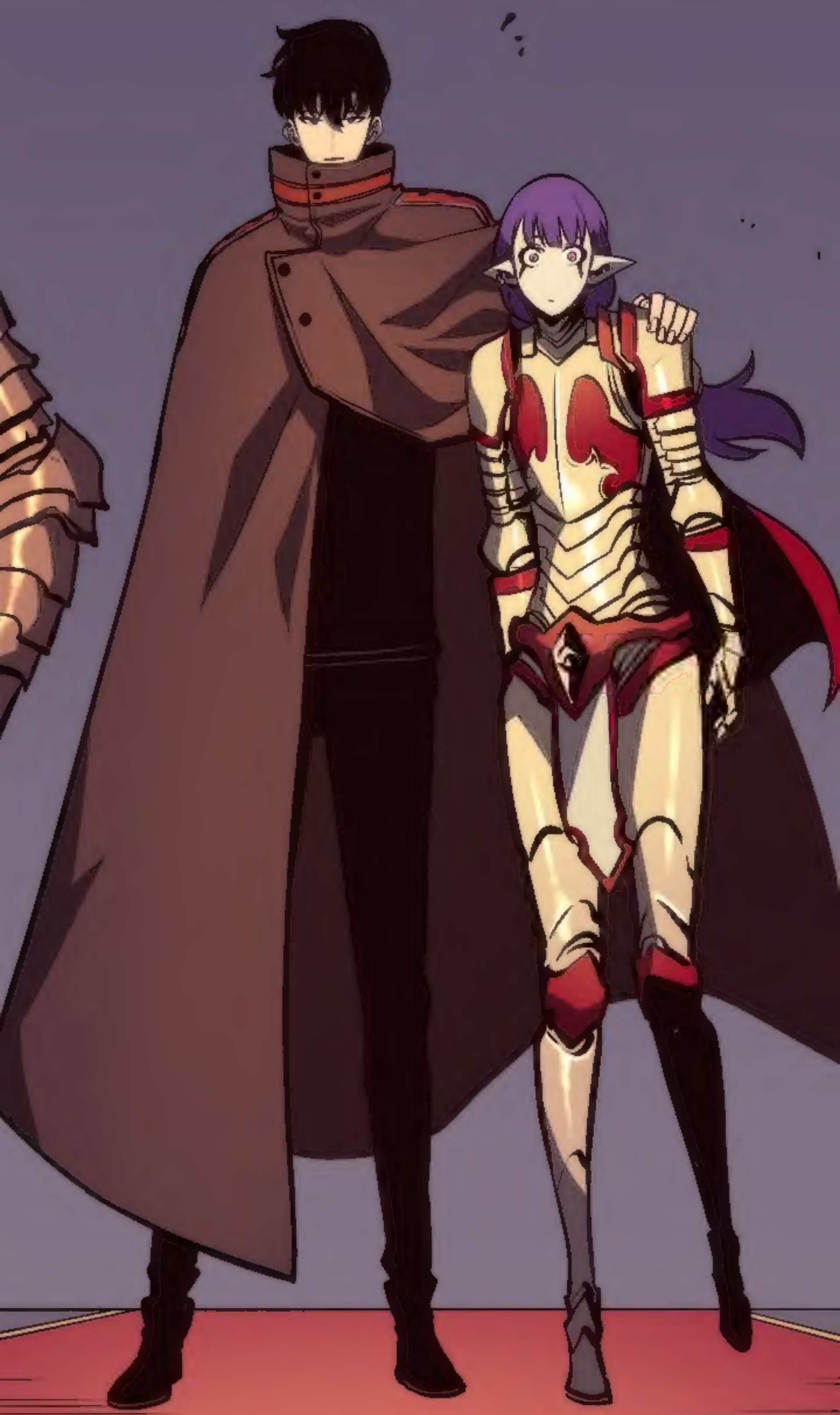
THE ENTRY
PERMIT... IS THAT
ALL YOU WANT?



I HAVE
ONE MORE
REQUEST.




I'D LIKE TO
BORROW HER
FOR A BIT.




ESIL
SAID SHE KNOWS
WHERE ALL THE ENTRY
PERMITS TO THE TOP
FLOORS ARE.






IN ORDER
TO LOCATE THEM,
I NEED HER AS
MY GUIDE.



BUT...



...MAYBE I'VE
SAID SOMETHING
WRONG?



To Be Continued...

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